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SUBJECT: FONMIN AGAIN COMMENTS ON U.S. TRADE ACT

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO TOLD THE PRESS OVER THE WEEKEND
"I WILL RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT ODUBER, THAT IN HIS LETTER OF
REPLY TO PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA, OUR GREAT FRIEND
CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, THAT OUR COUNTRY ASSUME A POSITION OF
SOLIDARITY WITH THE AMERICAN NATIONS WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF
OPEC WHO HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, AS WELL AS WITH
THOSE WHO COULD SUFFER IN THE FUTURE THE CONSEQUENCES OF
REPRISAL MEASURES ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. TRADE ACT AS A
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RESULT OF HAVING ADOPTED POLICIES TO DEFEND THE PRICES

OF BASIC EXPORT PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED, "I WARNED SOME TIME AGO THAT THIS LAW, IN GENERAL, DOES NOT OFFER GREAT ADVANTAGES FOR COSTA RICA, NOT EVEN WITH REFERENCE TO TARIFF PREFERENCES ... COSTA RICA IS AN EXPORTER PRINCIPALLY OF BASIC PRODUCTS (COFFEE, SUGAR, MEAT, BANANAS) THAT ARE NOT COVERED BY THE SYSTEM OF TARIFF PREFERENCE IN THE LAW. THE ONLY MANUFACTURED ARTICLES OF ANY IMPORTANCE WHICH WE EXPORT TO THE U.S. BELONG TO THE CATEGORY OF TEXTILES THAT THE LAW GENERALLY EXCLUDES FROM PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT AND SUBMITS TO A REGIMEN OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS."

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO OBSERVED THAT UNDER THE TRADE ACT COSTA RICA COULD NOT SUFFER GREAT LOSSES FROM THE APPLICATION OF "ODIOUS EXCEPTIONS" INTRODUCED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE U.S.
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